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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Y. Kato et al. Attention: Box Missing Parts

Serial No.: 09/871,283

Filed: May 31, 2001 Art Unit: 2641

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION BY SPEECH Examiner:



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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182
TO ACCEPT APPLICATION AS FILED**

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1. Applicants petition, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182, that the application filed on May 31, 2001, having application number 09/871,283, be accepted for prosecution as filed.
2. This petition is in response to "Notice of Incomplete Reply of Nonprovisional Application" mailed for this application on November 15, 2001. A copy of the Notice is enclosed. This notice states that applicants must substitute figures for the figures containing non-English text.
3. Applicants' petition that this application be examined as filed for the following reasons:

Portions of the figures are necessarily in Japanese due to the subject matter of the application. The subject matter of this application includes methods of processing text. Some of the text being processed is English text and other text is Japanese text.

Embodiments of the invention that pertain to processing of English text are described entirely in English.

Embodiments of the invention that pertain to processing of Japanese text, however, are presented in both English and Japanese. Japanese text is presented in Japanese, but the disclosure of the processing methods of the Japanese text is presented in English.

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☒ Petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.182 and 1.17(h)) \$130.00

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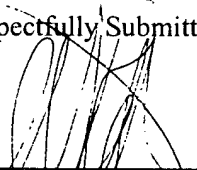
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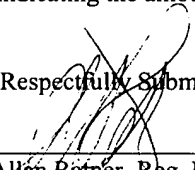
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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply of Nonprovisional Application mailed November 20, 2001, enclosed are the following documents:

1. A Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182. To Accept Application as Filed.
2. The total filing fees for the above-identified Application was \$5,284.00. Two Hundred and Eight (208) total additional claims including seven (7) additional independent claims were submitted with this filing as indicated on the enclosed PTO Form 1082. In addition, a copy of cancelled check no. 18219 indicating the amount of the filing fee submitted (\$5,284.00) is also enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Enclosures: Petition Under 37 C.F.R. To Accept Application as Filed
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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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File Number: MTS-3253US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: Y. Kato et al.

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION BY SPEECH

Enclosed are (in addition to the specification):

- ☒ 32 sheets of drawing.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney. (UNEXECUTED)
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Claim to Right of Priority w/certified copy of Japanese application no(s). 2000-300061 and 2000-163807.
- ☐ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. filed

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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x \$80	\$ 560
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 - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
 - ☐ The issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).
 - ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/19/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/20/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1440.
 - \$1440 for 199 total claims over 20.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1440.

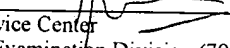
The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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